

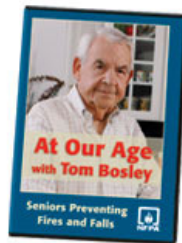
West Lafayette Fire Department October 2010

Open Houses Open houses were held at all three of the fire stations on Saturday morning during fire prevention week. The weather was good and so was the attendance. The forty or so people who attended enjoyed seeing the trucks and the inside of the station. They asked a variety of questions and took home several safety brochures plus some fun children's fire safety items.

As mentioned last month, the theme of this year's fire prevention week was smoke alarms. Tips on where to place them and on keeping them operating properly can be found at <http://www.nfpa.org/categoryList.asp?categoryID=278&URL=Safety%20Information/Fo%20r%20consumers/Fire%20&%20safety%20equipment/Smoke%20alarms> Also worth noting is the different type of smoke alarms and the recent emphasis on "combination" alarms. These utilize two different detection technologies making them better because a single unit can warn about both smoldering and fast moving fires.

Fire Prevention Show The countywide children's fire prevention show was back again this year now that the Lafayette Jeff Auditorium has been completely remodeled. Five-thousand elementary students enjoyed the creative and entertaining method of teaching fire safety. Inspector Brian Lancaster did his dog-gone best barking out essential safety messages with tail-wagging fun.

Fire Library The library is open. Several DVD's are now available to be loaned out to responsible individuals or groups. There are DVD's for children and adults. For children there are two complete sets of a well produced fire safety series called Rainbow Valley. There is a video titled, "At Our Age" that features Tom Bosley talking about not only special fire safety considerations for older adults but falls too. Carbon monoxide and detecting it is addressed in a DVD titled "Carbon Monoxide: Invisible Killer".



There are two dozen different titles and it's anticipated that neighborhood associations, teachers, church groups, retirement communities and others may want to borrow these. Individuals and families are welcome to use them as well. Contact Inspector Brian Lancaster at 775-5178 to check-out one or more DVD at no cost. As mentioned a few months ago, funding was secured through a federal grant to purchase these.

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